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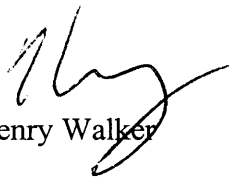
IN RE: *Universal Service for Rural Areas --- The Generic Docket*
Docket No. 00-00523

Dear David:

Please accept for filing the original and thirteen copies of the Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association's request for a continuance in the above-captioned proceeding accompanied by an order granting the request. Copies have been sent to parties of record.

Very truly yours,

BOULT, CUMMINGS, CONNERS & BERRY, PLC

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BEFORE THE TENNESSEE REGULATORY AUTHORITY
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REQUEST FOR CONTINUANCE

The Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") respectfully requests a three-day continuance to reply to the Comments of the Rural Independent Coalition filed in the above-captioned proceeding. Counsel for the Coalition, as evidenced by his signature below, has no objection to this request.

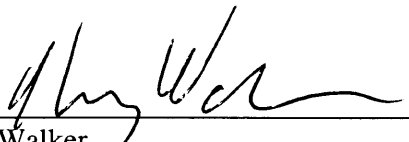
Although SECCA recently intervened as a party in this proceeding, apparently there has yet been no written order issued granting that petition. Therefore, SECCA was not served with a copy of the Comments of the Coalition. Moreover, the Coalition's Comments are not listed on the TRA's website having been filed in this docket. Having received a copy of the Coalition's Comments on September 19, 2000, SECCA needs additional time to respond to those Comments.¹ Finally, since there are no scheduled hearings or further filings in this docket, granting this request will not unreasonably delay these proceedings or prejudice any party.

¹ SECCA did receive the comments filed in this docket by Citizens Communications Companies. But since Citizens only addressed issues that have already been addressed and resolved by the agency in docket 97-00888, SECCA has not filed a reply to those comments. When the agency sets this matter for hearing (or requests the filing of testimony in anticipation of a hearing), SECCA will respond as necessary and appropriate.

Therefore, SECCA asks that it be permitted to file reply comments to the Coalition by noon on Friday, September 22, 2000.

Attached is a proposed order granting this request.

Respectfully submitted,

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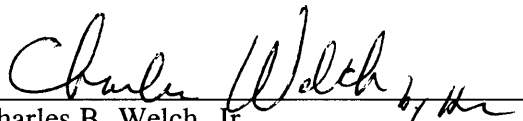
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September 19, 2000

PROPOSED

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ORDER GRANTING CONTINUANCE

The Southeastern Competitive Carriers Association ("SECCA") has requested a three-day continuance in order to respond to the Comments of the Tennessee Rural Independent Telephone Company Coalition.

This request is unopposed by counsel for the Coalition. Since there are no further filings or hearings presently scheduled in this docket, this continuance will not unreasonably delay these proceedings or prejudice any party.

Therefore, for good cause shown, SECCA's request is granted. SECCA may file its response to the Coalition by noon on September 22, 2000.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

ATTEST:

Director Melvin J. Malone, Hearing Officer

Executive Director

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been forwarded via U.S. Mail, postage prepaid, to the following on this the 19th day of September, 2000.

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